

## 2005 EQIP Ranking Worksheet – Madison County

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm# \_\_\_\_\_ Tract# \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you willing to address all resource concerns and implement a resource management system on this tract with EQIP funds? **60 pts.** Y    N
  
2. Are the offered acres located in a watershed listed on the IDEM 303 (d) list – Impaired Biotic Communities? **45 pts.** Y    N
  
3. Are the offered acres located in the Fall Creek watershed or one of its tributaries watersheds? **45 pts.** Y    N
  
4. How long has your livestock operation been in existence? **20 pts.**

0 pts.	No Livestock
5 pts.	0-5 years
10 pts.	5-10 years
15 pts.	10-20 years
20 pts.	Over 20 years
  
5. Does cropping occur within 50 ft. of a perennial or seasonal stream? **20 pts.** Y    N
  
6. Please indicate the amount of on farm manure storage you currently have. **20 pts.**

0 pts.	No Livestock
5 pts.	> 180 days
10 pts.	121 – 180 days
15 pts.	90 – 120 days
20 pts.	< 90 days
  
7. Do any livestock have direct access to any open ditch, stream, river, lake or pond? **25 pts.** Y    N
  
8. Are there any surface inlets present on cropland acres being offered? **20 pts.** Y    N
  
9. Is the area being offered for contract adjacent to a classified forest or classified wildlife area? **15 pts.** Y    N
  
10. Is the area offered for contract located within 5 miles of an incorporated area? **15 pts.** Y    N
  
11. Does the area offered for contract have the invasive species bush honeysuckle, garlic mustard, autumn olive or reed canary grass? **20 pts.** Y    N

12. Is the area offered for contract on a tract that is not participating in USDA programs? Y N  
**10 pts.**
13. Which of the following best fits your livestock operation? 20 pts. Confined feeding system  
**20 pts.** 15 pts. Feed lot  
10 pts. Open Range Grazing  
5 pts. Rotational Grazing  
0 pts. No Livestock
14. Does your current crop rotation involve low residue crops (soybeans, vegetables, etc.) more than half of the years of the crop rotation? Y N  
**10 pts.**
15. Does the current management system involve surface application of animal manures? Y N  
**30 pts.**
16. Are threatened and endangered species shown within the area being offered for contract? (Area must coincide with T&E locations shown on CRP sign up 20 T&E species locations maps.) Y N  
**20 pts.**
17. Will this request for EQIP funds help implement an existing Conservation Plan? (Plan must be documented at time of ranking.) Y N  
**20 pts.**
18. Does the area being offered contain any abandoned wells? Y N  
**15 pts.**
19. Gully erosion is present and active on the acres being offered. Estimate the number of gullies present on the offered acres. 30 pts.  
10 pts. None to 1  
20 pts. 2 to 4  
30 pts. 5 or more
20. Which of the following best describes your current tillage activities on your cropland? 40 pts.
- 40 pts. **A-** A system that leaves less than 20% to 30% ground cover at the time of planting. Some type of fall tillage is used more than 50% of the time.
- 30 pts. **B-** A system that leaves more than 30% surface residues at the time of planting. No fall tillage is used but some type of spring tillage is used every year.
- 20 pts. **C-** A system that uses both tillage and No Till/ Strip Till depending on crops planted.
- 10 pts. **D-** A complete No Till/ Strip Till system is used on all crops planted.